IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Dominique HAMOIR, et al.

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WDM OPTICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

(Amended)Amplifier according to claim 1, characterized in that at least one pump 4. radiation wavelength has a polarization which is orthogonal with respect to the polarization of at least one other pump radiation wavelength.

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REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

4. (Amended) Amplifier according to one of the preceding claims claim 1, characterized in that at least one pump radiation wavelength has a polarization which is orthogonal with respect to the polarization of at least one other pump radiation wavelength.